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## HIGHLIGHT OF CHRISTMAS SEASON HOLIDAY

A good many of the students at Adams do not feel that the Christmas season is here until they have attended the Christmas candlelight vesper service given by the glee club. The service this year will be held on December 13, free to the public.

Patrons from other years will remember many beautiful things about the program. One of the most beautiful of these is the processional. Every year it is a little bit different and this year it will be more lovely

### SOLOISTS READY FOR VESPER



than ever. The back ground on the stage will be an artistically painted stained glass window, a new one, painted by the art department under the direction of Mr. Faust.

The selections will be many and varied. There will be songs that are new to most of the public such as "Song of Mary and Christmas Day". Familiar carols such as the ever-beautiful "Silent Night" will be featured in the latter part of the program. Martha Craig and Katie De Long will present "Mala-guena" as a piano duet. Many soloists will perform and the Triple Trio will also sing. One of the numbers to be sung by the Triple Trio will be "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Handel's immortal "Messiah".

Part of the program will be given for the student body on Friday, December 13. This assembly has always been well received in years past.

102. Spurred on by Joy Hodge and Byron Donaho, home room representatives, they gave \$10.82. The next four with greatest contributions were:

201—	\$6.23
109—	\$5.97
107—	\$5.81
206—	\$5.09

The student council voted that this money should be given in part to the National Children's Fund.

### BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

### INDIANA OFFICIALS IN GUIDANCE LECTURES

Boys expecting to enter Indiana University in the fall of 1947 were advised as to the method of entering the university and given a review of its colleges at a talk by Mr. Clum Bucher December 3.

Senior girls were given a similar address by Dr. Catherine Evans at the same time.

These lectures were part of a complete guidance program given by Adams this year. Counselor Agnes Burns and school city guidance director Helen Dernbach have arranged most of the talks.

### BASKETBALL TICKETS HIT SALES MARK

A sharp increase over the already unbelievable student ticket sales was noted at Adams this year.

The adult sales were 279, nearly an 80 count increase. Student sales soared from 363 to 507 tickets.

Many parents of the players and faculty members bought the season passes.

At the end of the season, 800 people will be eligible for sectional tickets, but Adams quote will only be 400. The method of selection will be purely chance since it is thought that the best method would be to draw the names out of a hat.

### TUBERCULOSIS SPEECHES HEARD BY MANY

Students from English IV and public speaking classes delivered speeches on tuberculosis and the annual seal sale Monday night in the auditorium.

Judges selected the two outstanding speeches for presentation at Nuner and Jefferson schools. Joan Wine has already spoken to the members of the Lincoln junior high school.

Yesterday's assembly speakers were part of the group selected Monday night.

Pat Hardy will broadcast over station WHOT on the TB subject in the near future.

### RED CROSS DRIVE NETS \$75; EIGHT ROOMS HIT 100%

### Hodge, Donaho Lead 12B's Of 102 To Record

Students of John Adams this year contributed \$77.27 to the Junior Red Cross in the drive ending November 26 with at least eight 100% rooms to our credit. This is a fine record and bests last years results on both counts, our 1945 total being \$75.59.

The eight 100% home rooms were 102—Miss Kaczmarek, 107—Miss Law, 109—Mr. Goldsberry, 203—Miss Minniear, 206—Mr. Reber, 207—Mr. Nelson, 210—Miss Bennett.

Leading the scoring as usual were Miss Kaczmarek's 12B's in

## EVER GROWING LIBRARY IN ACTIVE YEAR

This year our library again takes on its numerous duties, many unknown to most students.

Approximately 200 new books have been placed on the shelves this semester. The library subscribes to 78 magazine which include such popular ones as Boy's Life, Mademoiselle, Life, and Popular Science. These magazines and pamphlets are on file for six years either in the conference room or storeroom below the library. The Chicago Sun and Chicago Tribune are received daily and the New

York Times on Sunday. College catalogues are also on file in the conference room.

Our library, although small, is considered one of the best in South Bend and checks out about 30 books a day. These may be checked out for one week and renewed for one week. The overnight and period books are checked out on the average of about 40 per day. Reserved books are laid aside for special assignments designated by teachers for reference.

The shelves have recently been

### MID-TERM PROM FOR GRADUATING SENIORS FRIDAY

### Danny Walters Ticket Head For John Adams

On Friday, December 13, the sides of the Palais Royale will be bulging and happiness will abound, for this is the date of the annual winter prom. This prom will not only be for John Adams but for Riley, Washington and Central also. Since all four of the city's high schools are having their prom together, only a limited number of tickets will be available to Adams students.

Mickey Isley of Elkhart will bring his band here to play on the 13th and the band will play for dancing from 9:00 to 12:00. The tickets will be \$1.80 a couple.

The following home room members will be in charge of the ticket sale in the senior home rooms:

Dan Walters (Chr. ticket sale)	208
Fred Gebler	102
Glenn Personette	108
Paula Tanner	207
Barbara Howard	103
Dorothy Cox	107

As usual the following rules will be observed. Students attending the prom are urged to conform with these as much as possible.

1. No fresh flowers.
2. One member of each couple must be an Adams student or alumnus.
3. Can't leave building during dance.

Parents of seniors are also invited as guests and do not pay.

The prom promises to be a great success so get a date seniors and turn out for the event of the year.

## The Sophomores Responsibilities

The sophomore needs some basis for conducting himself in his surroundings. He finds himself confused and uncertain. We, as upper classmen, want to help the sophomore adjust himself.

The sophomore's "slate" is clean. Those first impressions which he makes are all important. He should avoid being tardy, playing truant, and hap-hazardly preparing his assignments. When bad impressions are established, it takes real effort to replace them with good ones. It is the sophomore's duty to himself to establish good impressions from the start.

The sophomore should take the responsibility of preparing for those years immediately following graduation from high school. If he is planning on entering a college or university, it is his duty to select those courses which qualify him for the school. Waiting until the senior year to prepare for college has proved tragic for many in the past.

The sophomore as well owes part of his spare time to the school. There are sports of all kinds and Hi-Y, Usher's Club, Screen Club,

## The Great, Handsome, Devine, One and Only Ruler of the Health Classes His Majesty, King Sir Lord, Sam Wegner

The giant doors swung open and the royal heralds blew their trumpets. "The great, handsome, devine, one and only ruler of the glorious health classes, His Majesty, King Sir Lord, Sam Wegner" entered. The pupils quickly jumped from their chairs, bowed three times toward the east, and chanted softly, "Wegner, Wegner, he's our man."

Wegner then started taking the roll. "Allison?" "Here." "Brown?" "Here (?)" "Zeiders?" "Du-u-u-u." (He's not so bright.)

So, with no further a-due he started firing questions right and left. Then, finding himself out of ammunition he started asking them. Everyone took time out when the court's jester (more commonly known as James Pawlas) received fifty-three lashes for disturbing the supreme peace of his royal majesty by saying, "Life-buoy is a dog's soap."

and many other school sponsored activities that need participation by sophomores. It is a duty of a sophomore to back his school in any way in which he is able.

The sophomore's responsibilities extend to keeping up the high school tradition. He should realize that as he conducts himself in a becoming manner both in and out of school, he is bringing honor to his school. The sophomore is truly a part of the school tradition.

Responsibilities face him directly. The intelligent sophomore will accept these responsibilities and gain stature by meeting them. In doing so, he will be building his character, responsibility by responsibility.

After Mr. Wegner had laid aside his whip, he gleefully asked, "What affects the color of fingernails?" (No, the answer is not fingernail polish!) Before he could find his whip again, one student (wanting to better himself in the eyes of his lord and master) presented him with a toy. Although a normal two year old nitwit could put the three simple parts together, it was necessary for Jerry Freels to demonstrate for "Sam the Great."

While Mr. Wegner looked, fascinated by this toy, a note announcing that there were footsteps on the ceiling, was passed around.

Sammy was brought back to normal when he glanced at Sydelle Baskind's fingernails and muttered, "My gosh, you could dig a grave with those things!" The class roared with laughter. (The ones who laughed the hardest got A's.)

This brought him back to his list of questions. Delores Allison was unlucky enough to receive this question. "What is dandruff?" As she was pondering he helpfully suggested, "A chip off the old block?" The poor girl had a spasm.

These and other events happen 'till it's time to depart. The class stands in a body, bows three times to the east, and again chants, "We're awfully glad to be with Sammy, even though his jokes are hammy. Until tomorrow we'll all have sorrow, cause Sam we're proud of you." As we pass out, we receive autographed, life-size pictures of the great, handsome, devine, one and only ruler of the health classes, "His Majesty King Sir Lord Sam Wegner."

All kidding aside, all of Adams likes the great, handsome, de--, oh well, Mr. Wegner.

*Believe*

*Me!*

by Patl Guyon

Believe me these are some of the couples seen at the Comet's Thanksgiving Dance: **Jane Buchanan** and "Mac" from Central; **Harold Ziker** and **Kathryn Voceght**; **Don Simon** and (!) **Millie Peterson**; **Pat Bonnell** and **Bob Smith**.

Wednesday November 27 will be a day long remembered by **Nancy King** for it was that noon that **Johnny Bowman** bought her lunch.

Your "Club News" reporter, **Pat Kissinger** and her cute new man, **Pidge Simper** seem to have found that "Seventh Heaven" so often spoken about.

Believe me, **Lois Nestlerode** has been sporting a ring for quite some time now. The owners name is **Harlowe Coney**. Unfortunately for Lois he is with the Army Occupational Forces in Korea.

Flash! Last week it was reported in this column that **Nan Flickinger** and "Pod Puckurp" from Central were going steady. Unfortunately for "Pod" this happy little two-some has broken-up, but it's a lucky break for some Adamites.

Another break-up is that of **Beverly Brooks** and "Teddy" **Dagus** of Washington.

Question of the week: "Who is the lucky fellow escorting **Helen Trumble** to the Prom?" Seems that the answer to this question is a deep dark secret!

Even though Helen's Prom date is unknown here's one that isn't—**Joyce Schleiger** and **Bob Kruyer**.

Have you noticed **Jeanette Graf** wandering blindly down the halls lately? She still is in a daze over **Bob Thoner** who was recently home on leave. Also in a fog is **Phyllis Hertel** 'cause her **Bob Neilson** is on his way home and will be here in time for Christmas.

**Dorothy Personette** was her sisters only attendant at her recent wedding. Did you sleep on the cake, **Dorothy**?

Believe me, all the gals can't understand why **Bill Gooley** isn't in circulation.

Have you noticed that **Jerry Follmar** likes the atmosphere around **Marian Driver's** locker?

## SCHOOL SONG DEMANDS BACKING

By now almost everyone at Adams knows why a new school song was needed. To some of you, however, the reasons may not be too clear, so we shall give you those reasons which we believe were most important. First, there was no published arrangement of "On to Victory"; therefore, other bands couldn't play our school song. This caused an uneasy feeling between ourselves and other schools because although we played their song, they couldn't return the favor by playing ours. Second, the range was too great for the average student to sing. Another reason for a new song was that the words lacked the dignity and maturity which are desirable for a high school song. Our new one should remedy these conditions.

Our response to the school song should equal the effort put forth to produce it. Did you ever stop to think about the work involved in selecting and writing one? Everyone was given an opportunity to help choose the music. Mrs. Pate pushed the issue, and it was decided to use "Illinois, Loyalty". Three English VII classes worked on the lyrics. If you have never attempted to do such work, you cannot realize how difficult it is to compose words which express the character and personality of John Adams and which, at the same time, match the music perfectly. Nevertheless, several good versions were turned in to Mr. Krider, and the job of selecting was begun. The better lines of the different authors were combined and discussed in class. The version which you now have was finally decided upon by 100 senior English VII students. It is now your school song. So get behind it, for you have made it, and it is yours!

## BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS — HI-Y

To be able to take it is all well enough — until it becomes a habit. —Grantland Rice

The world wants the kind of men who do not shrink from temporary defeats in life; but come again and wrestle triumph from defeat.



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### GOOD ENGLISH

Teacher: "How would you punctuate this sentence? 'The wind blew a ten-dollar bill around the corner'."

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This program was started to develop the listening audience of high school students, and to enable them to take part in a radio broadcast.

Pati Guyon was on the first broadcast, which was November 19. November 26, Paul Chalfant broadcasted, and Bob Waechter was on the December 3 program. Charles Cone was heard last night.

The days are divided between the different high schools, Tuesday being the day for John Adams.

Predictions on the Adams-LaPorte basketball game Friday night:

Adams LaPorte	
Evaline Kendall	38 ..... 25
Clifford Keb	30 ..... 20
Anne Kohlbrenner	35 ..... 20
Evan Farmer	38 ..... 24
Mary Lou Swank	52 ..... 34
Byron Donoho	45 ..... 35
Jack Swindeman	41 ..... 28
Georgia Dralle	36 ..... 32
Pat Roessler	48 ..... 40
Jim Koehler	42 ..... 36

**LONG SKIRTS, BUSTLES COME BACK FOR NEW STYLES**

If you girls want to keep that guy of yours, it is a good idea to be hep to all the latest fashions.

Take a tip and don't make fun of the styles of yesterday because yesterday's old fashion styles are going to be the latest thing tomorrow.

You girls wouldn't think of wearing your skirts a couple inches below your knees would you? But wait a minute, in this day and age you would be just in style by doing that. Many years ago women wore their skirts far below their knees, but then came the short skirt era. Now the long skirts are coming back again.

Way back in stage coach days the men wore cut-away suit coats. Today in your department stores the latest is cut-away suit coats for women.

Hoop skirts were stylish during the civil war. Now, the latest in formals are those with hoop skirts.

Bustles are coming in again too. Around the nineteen hundreds every dress had a bustle and now all the newest frocks have a cute little bustle on them.

To you boys this probably won't mean much but when you see that gal of yours in her holiday apparel you'll know what is going on.



Question: "What do you want Santa to bring you?"

**Dorothy Personette**—"I got my Christmas present (Darwin Miller) in May."

**Bill Cox**—"A 1946 Buick Convertible-Maroon please!"

**Betty Dunbar**—"A brand new fella."

**Christine Scott**—"He's been here already an he brought me a big hunk of football shoulders from Central."

**James Targett**—"3A's and a B."

**Paul Bumann**—"45,001 golf balls."

**Joann Honer**—"A certain little boy with a big red bow around his neck."

**Joyce Huffman**—"A tall, light and handsome date."

**Bob Brugh**—"Jane Russell, but Betty Grable will do."

**Dick Wysong**—"I got everything I wanted for Christmas a little while ago."

**JOAN ERHARDT**—"The same thing I wanted last year only a little bigger!" (Guess who?)

**Phyllis Nelson**—"Some cherry Life Savers. I love 'em."

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**Survey Shows Vacationers Stuff Themselves With Turkey 'N Trimmin's**

On December 2, 1946, we all came back rather reluctantly from one of the few and far-between vacations that we enjoy so enthusiastically. There are various ways of spending Thanksgiving. A survey has been taken and we have very interesting results. For instance:

Eating seemed to be the favorite sport during Thanksgiving. Barbara Stanz, Mary Kasdorf, Phyllis Hertel, and other members of the John Adams High school did nothing but literally stuff themselves. But then, it's always easiest to do the most natural thing.

On Thanksgiving night, the Comets Club of Central High school gave their annual Thanksgiving Dance. There was a large percentage of Adams students present. We saw Bob Smith and Pat Bonnell, Bob Shultz and Joan Wine, Tom Lane and Jane Crowe, Doris Hurst and Don Troeger, and Don Simon and Millie Peterson bobbing around on the dance floor. It was really a great dance.

A few of the students had quite a time other than in South Bend. Jimmie McNeile spent his days of vacation without Pati. He was in a little town called Mound City, Ill. But Pati needn't worry, because this town was made up completely of old folks. And then there is the mad caser, John Leonhard, who met five different girls in one night. He intends to go to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, more frequently now. Bertita Salazar went to "them their hills" in Kentucky. She had a swell time and never ate so much in her life.

Nancy Gradecki has been all bedecked with inlaws since vacation. You see, her lovely sister finally hooked a man. They were married on Thursday and Nancy sang at the wedding. We hope they will be very happy.

Anyway, everyone had a swell time and everyone is looking forward to his next year's Thanksgiving vacation.

**NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

by Pat Hardy

**MISHAWAKA**

Mishawaka High has a novel idea for a new club. This club is called the "Future Teachers of America." The membership of this club is 36, most of whom are juniors and seniors. This club is only for those students who are interested in making teaching a career. The main work of the club program consists of observation of other teachers at work. The students spend an hour each day in the elementary schools observing the teachers and assisting them in any way they can. Adams wishes good luck to them, Future Teachers of America.

**RILEY**

Riley has undertaken a way to have its students become better citizens. This way is by having the students participate in a state-wide essay contest. The subject of the essay is "Why the Constitution of the United States Lives Today." The essays are judged on the basis of clearness, sincerity and originality of thought. The English department sponsored the contest and many fine essays were submitted. Riley is to be congratulated for its fine work on this project.

**CENTRAL**

Over Central way the big news was the football banquet. Awards were presented to Marshall Ware, Jerome Perkins and Gene Ring. Dick Flowers received a gold trophy for participating in the one sport for four years. The principal speaker was coach Elmer Burnham of the University of Rochester and also former Central coach. Once more the football season draws to a close and is only a memory at Central as it is elsewhere in the city.

**WASHINGTON**

On Wednesday, November 27, Washington payed tribute to their graduates and former students who lost their lives in World War II, by having a program in their auditorium. During the program a bronze tablet was presented to the school by the graduating class of 1946. Twenty-nine names were on the tablet. Colonel B. G. Du Bois, a former Notre Dame professor, was the principal speaker. Adams highly commends Washington and its students for this fitting tribute.

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# TWO TOUGHIES LOOM NEAR FOR CRUCIAL BATTLES

Two of the most crucial games on the Adams schedule are to be played within the next eight days. The difference between a conference championship and a runnerup spot will, in most probability, be decided upon within those eight days.

## HIGHLIGHTS by HIGBERGER

"Hoosier Hysteria" has hit our fair school, which lies just three blocks north of the historic old "poluted" St. Joe. The students are literally in a daze over our basketball team which has shown suprising power.

I can hardly wait for the Central game, it could be the battle of the season; that is if Adams has gotten by Goshen and Riley and can take a strong Laporte team Friday.

The Adams partisans are clamoring for a conference championship. Adams came so close in 1944 of securing a championship it was saddening, when they lost their last game of the season to Elkhart. The Blazers have taken another conference crown since then, but Adams will be backing and pulling for the most coveted prize in the conference race, the championship trophy. All the student body can do to help the team is to attend all the games possible and back the school. The rest is up to the players. This year Coach Powell has assembled, a most promising bunch of "basketball happy" boys. I'm only one in seven hundred but I don't think the boys will let us down. They'll give their best in every game and will try to give us a winning team.

Did you know that during a Chicago Bear—Green Bay Packers football game in 1941 five people in the stands died of heart failure? Incidentally Green Bay won 16 to 14.

"Woody Woodworth was my head statistician at the Lew Wallace game. Thanks again "Woody."

As of this writing Adams has the only major unbeaten high school team in South Bend. However, this position could be changed as of printing time.

Who is Stanley Prestwor? Have you heard of him before he made all-city first team. I hadn't. What happened to Al Daust of Central, Ken Smorin of Riley, Al Lindahl of C. C. and our own Don Simons. All of these are in my estimation as good as "Stanley." Simon should make the all-city first team next year.

"Hats off" to "Monk" Strock the "terror" of third hour gym class. Strock is the world's champion towel snapper.

Cecil Colbert a former "student" at this fair school is out for the Jimtown basketball team. He is now a resident of that large hamlet.

LaPorte will bring a most presentable squad to our basketball emporium this Friday evening in what should produce a hum-dinger of a ball game. The Slicers have several veterans from last year's team returning. Dick Alban, the conference's most valuable football player, is one of those mainstays. Alsop and Dahl are also two of LaPorte's big boys. Details of the Central game will appear next week.

But, before Adams meets either of these two schools they will have played Goshen and Riley. Both of these games should have been "breathers" but, you never can tell.

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### INAUGURAL INTRAMURAL PLAY SEES IRWIN HIT 29 POINTS

Dave Irwin, a former member of the Adams varsity, bagged 29 points in a 38 minutes to literally single handedly lead his team to a 47-9 victory. Irwin threatened to pull a "Carl Zahl" and break the gym scoring record but, was subed for in the waning minutes of the last quarter. "Zahl" Irwin plays for the "None Suches," a group of independents.

The 109 Kilroys and 207 Nelson's Guzzlers also whipped their foes by formidable scores. The Kilroys led by "Ringer" Ferraro, who "swish-

- 205—Rockets—12
- 203—Cornials—17
- 207—Nelson's Guzzlers—23
- 105—Joe's Kids—18
- Adams Atoms—23
- None Such—47
- 109—Kilroys—22

### "ATLAS CLASS" POSTPONED

The football "Atlas Class" has been postponed until after school starts following Christmas vacation. In making the announcement, coach Crowe stated that most of the boys desired to work from now on during the holidays and that there was not enough left to conduct the class.

ed" the whip cords for fine field goals, beat Room 204 22-7. The "Guzzlers" lashed the 101 Pinkies 23-9. Here are the other results:

- 203—Underdogs—19
- 106—Ferociousfine—4
- 101—Pinkies—9
- Dr.—Fireballs—5
- Blue Blazers—3
- Stinkers—9
- 204—7

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